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The National Archives Rotunda is the permanent home of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, and the Bill of Rights. These three documents, known collectively as the Charters of Freedom, have secured the rights of the American people for more than two and a quarter centuries. In 2003, the National Archives completed a massive restoration effort that included conserving the parchment of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights, and re-encasing the documents in state-of-the-art containers.

In 1936, Barry Faulkner created two large-scale murals in the Rotunda depicting fictional scenes of the presentation of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Each mural is about 13 feet high and 34 feet long. In September 2003, the murals were restored and also recreated as an interactive feature on NARA's Web site: [www.archives.gov/nae/visit/rotunda.html](http://www.archives.gov/nae/visit/rotunda.html). Flanking the permanent display of the Charters and the murals is the exhibit, "A New World Is At Hand," a selection of documents from the National Archives' holdings that chronicle milestones toward the creation of the Charters and their impact on United States and world history. Each year more than a million visitors come to the Rotunda of the National Archives to see the Charters of Freedom and the Faulkner Murals, which adorn its walls.

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# Preface

As the official handbook of the Federal Government, *The United States Government Manual* provides comprehensive information on the agencies of the legislative, judicial, and executive branches. The *Manual* also includes information on quasi-official agencies; international organizations in which the United States participates; and boards, commissions, and committees.

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